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1. On 17 September 1949, Major General HAN Liu-wen was planning to complete the evacuation of his 7 Cavalry brigade from Chitai (89-28, 44-01) by 24 September. Major General MA Chieng-heiang's evacuation of his troops from Sinking Province was to be completed as rapidly as transport facilities would permit, but it was feared that lack of trucks might delay the completion of the movement until the end of September. Asjor General HAN Yung-fu's 6 Cavalry Brigade at Manass (Suilai - 86-19, 44,21) was to be withdrawn last, probably beginning its movement about 26 September. The destination of these troops was to be Chiuchwan (98-33, 39-46), Kansu Province. Should Chiuchuan already be occupied by Chinese Communists before the Tungkan troops reach it, the Tungkans were to try to reach Szechuan Province by way of Tsinghai and Sikang.*

- KA Cheeng-haiang had abandoned his idea of making a stand at Khotan (Hotien -79-56, 37-07), but it was possible that a strong Chinese Communist push into western Kansu and western Tsinghai might force the Tungkans into the area south of the Takla maken pesert. The attitude among the Tungkans was one of pessimism and defeat, and their only aim was to escape from the Ili and Chinese Communist forces. in A Fu-fang's collapse and the hopeless supply situation had contributed to their discouragement.
- On 17 September 1949 Lieutenant General TOAO Chih-yueh was planning to leave Tinua by air within a week. The plans of YEH Cheng, commanding general of the 78 Army, were unknown. There had been no word of any movement at Assigar on the part of CLAO Esi-kuang, commanding general of the 42 Army.
- 4. On 14 September 1949 Governor Burhan hoped to have all Central Government troops out of Sinking before the ili troops should cross the Lanass River. However, some of the Chinese members of the provincial government, led by Secretary General LIU Meng-ch'un, were trying to delay the evacuation (F-3). It is probable that this group of Chinese would rather have the control of Sinking go to the Chinese Communists than to the Ili regime. By delaying the troop evacuation until the arrival of Chinese Communist troops in western Harsu, L.U's group could turn Communist and possibly hold Tihua and

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4. On 17 September 1949, Aisabek and others wore rushing to get out of Tihua before the arrival of Ili troops.*** They planned to go to Pakistan if they could get visas. Aisabak's close followers were to go with him, and the rest hoped to lose themselves among the Turki population.

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- 5. Yolbars was in Hami on 17 September 1949. There was no information about his men. Janimkhan and other Kasakha were apparently planning to move southward slowly, perhaps to the mountains south of the Takla Makan Pesert. No movement had yet started.
- 7. American prestige in Tihus was very low because of America's not having furnished military aid to the troops fighting the Communists in Kansu and Isinghai, and because of the closure of the American consulate in Tihua. There was a widespread belief in Tihua that the American consulate had been closed at the request of the Soviet authorities.

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Comment. Probably the Ili troops will invade across the Manage River when the Chines. Communists reach Anai (96-00, 40-30), whether or not the evacuation of Central Government troops has been completed. In this case there would probably be no resistance from the Central Government troops. There is no indication that the Central Government will try to hold southern Sinkiang Province.

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